

# Patoka Lake Nature Center

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Open Tuesday- Sunday 8:30a.m. – 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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## October 2015

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN TIME.

\*nc ~ Nature Center

\*ar ~ archery range

\*b ~ beach

\*sh ~ shelterhouse

\*br~ boat ramp

\*cg~ campground

\*csh ~ modern campground shelter house

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Wilderness Weekend 8:30am – 3pm** - Join in a women's only event to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed environment. Women ages 16 and up are welcome to attend this workshop. \$10 program fee and pre-registration is required. Register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at (812)685-2447.

**8:30a.m.** Sign-in and Welcome

**9a.m.** Survival 101 Hike

**10a.m.** Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration and Lesson

Lunch during cooking demo

**12p.m.** Canoe/ Kayak Lessons

**1:30p.m.** Archery Lesson



**9:30a.m. Kayaking to Seng Island** ~ Enjoy this final kayak tour of the season as we paddle from the beach to Seng Island. Hear stories of Patoka's past and see things left behind by the people who once called this area home. Look for wildlife along the way. **b** (*This activity is separate from the workshop above.*)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey:** Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters.

**12:30p.m. Talons, Beaks, and Instincts-** What unique tools do birds of prey use to survive in the wild? How do they hunt for prey? Find out this and more in the backyard at the Nature Center with two LIVE birds of prey! **nc**

**1:30p.m. Nature Fossils-** Join the naturalist on a short hike to collect and explore objects found in the forest. Then create your very own nature fossils to take home from the objects you collected on the hike! **nc**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30p.m. Fall Scavenger Hunt-** Come to the Nature Center to search for particular fall themed items hidden throughout the lawn and backyard garden. **nc**

**2:p.m. Preparing for Winter** – Winter can be the most difficult time of the year for some animals. Come and learn more about how animals cope with the cold and snow, including hibernation and migration. **nc**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 1p.m. Forests at Work** – Learn about the forests of Indiana while kicked back enjoying some popcorn and refreshments. **nc**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> –Autumn Getaway Weekend** Nature Center Closed

See the flyer attached below for full program listing.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Nature Center Open**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Nature Center Closed**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey:** Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters.

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**1:30p.m. Land Beneath The Lake** – Three towns are under water at Patoka Lake. View old photographs and hear stories from days gone by out of Fred Dillard's Memoirs. Enjoy short stories from local resident, John Ash's book, Patoka Tales. See old relics left behind by the folks that once called this area home. **nc**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Nature Center Closed**

### NOTICE:

The fulltime Naturalist will be going on maternity leave towards the end of this month/ beginning of November through December. Due to staffing limitations, the Nature Center will be closed during this time. Nature Center hours of operation and events scheduled in October are subject to change based on the start of this leave of absence. The November Holiday Craft Workshop scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled in advance. We look forward to seeing you all in 2016 and hope you will join us for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Watch program on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

# Autumn Getaway Weekend



October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Patoka Lake Modern Campground

T- tents in Modern Campground Section A CCS – campgrounds center shelterhouse

**Patoka Lake Nature Center CLOSED 10/16 – 10/17 Open 10/18 from 10am - 4pm**

Awards Ceremonies will take place directly following each competition. Winners will be posted at the Campground Gatehouse on Saturday Night.

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (Meet at the modern campground shelter house for all of tonight's activities.)**

**5-7p.m. Register your campsite for the Campsite Decorating Contest. Campsites must be registered to enter the competition. Also register for the pumpkin carving contest and cornhole tourney!**

**5p.m. Cooking Friendship Stew** - Bring your canned vegetables to the modern campgrounds center shelterhouse to add to the stew. Volunteers & Staff will prepare the stew for the 7pm gathering.

**7p.m. Friendship Stew** - Bring crackers, beverages, bowls & spoons as we dish out the Friendship Stew. Join us in kicking off our annual event to celebrate the autumn season & Halloween.

**7:30p.m. Autumn Colors** - Have you ever wondered why leaves change color in the fall? Join us to learn why and make your very own leaf craft to take home.

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 8am -11am Coffee Cart** - Look for our special coffee mobile as it makes

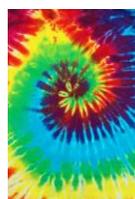


its way around the campground. Assorted coffee flavors and hot chocolate will be on sale for \$2/ cup. *All proceeds from the sales will benefit the Patoka raptor program to pay for food, vet bills and supplies needed for our Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl.* The cart will start in Section A and makes its rounds to B and C.

**9:30a.m.- 2:50p.m. REGISTER: your campsite for the Campsite Decorating Contest.** Campsites must be registered to enter the competition. **Also register your pumpkin from 9:30a.m. - 10:25a.m.**

**REGISTER: for the Cornhole tourney from 9:30am - Noon. T**

**9:30 -11a.m. Family Fun & Crafts T**



**Pumpkin Carving Contest** -Bring your pumpkin and carving tools. Judging will start at 10:30a.m. Winners will be announced directly after judging and must be present to win! **T**

**Tie-dyed T-shirts:** Bring pre-washed white 100% cotton T-shirts to decorate.

**Foam Fall Crafts:** Make a special Fall or Halloween themed decoration. Several to choose from while supplies last. Crafts are \$2/kit.

**11a.m. Dutch Oven Demonstration** - Join volunteer and Dutch oven chef, Ivy Shawler, as she explains the do's & don'ts of cooking with cast iron. Learn tips for cleaning and preparing your cast iron cookware, how many briquettes to use & MUCH MORE! Never tried your hand at Dutch oven cooking? Ivy will help you to discover all that you need to get started! **T**

**Noon - Dutch Oven Registration** - For rules & information call the Nature Center (812)685-2447. **T**

**12:30-3p.m. Dutch Oven Cook-Off** - 13<sup>th</sup> annual event. **T**

**12:30p.m. Cornhole Tournament** -There will be separate tourneys for youth and adults. Bring your teammate to compete in this friendly competition. Prizes will be awarded following the tourney. Space is limited to 8 adult and 8 youth teams, pre-register early to ensure your spot!

**3p.m. Campsite Judging**- Judges will be making their way around to all registered campsites to select first place winners for three themes: Scariest, Most Original, Best Fall Theme. Prizes will be delivered to your campsite!

**3:30 p.m. Taste of Patoka** - Enjoy the Dutch oven cooking of all varieties from desserts to main dishes along with "Cast Iron Chili". A \$2 donation per person is requested to sample the creative dishes and cast your ballot for favored Dutch oven creation. **Bring your soup bowl, plates and utensils to sample these dishes. T**

**4:30p.m. Awards Ceremony for Dutch Oven Competition.T**

**5p.m. Pet Parade & Costume Contest** - Bring your dogs in costumes to the big tents in campground Section A. A special Grand Marshall will lead the parade! Pet costume contest to follow. Pets must be on a leash! Contest winners will be announced directly following parade. **T**

**5:30-7p.m. Trick or Treat** - Campers 12 years of age and under may enjoy "Trick or Treat" around the modern campgrounds. There will be no vehicle traffic in the campgrounds during this time for the safety of your children!

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